

Office Action. New Figure 1 is submitted to correct a typographical error. No new matter is presented.

Applicants respectfully acknowledge and appreciate the indication by the Examiner that the claim is allowed and the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters and as such, prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

The drawings are objected to for inconsistencies and informalities therein. Applicants respectfully submit the enclosed formal drawings of Figures 6-8G to correct originally filed drawing Figures 6-8H so as to be responsive to the objection. Applicants provide the following comments regarding some of the inconsistencies noted by in Office Action.

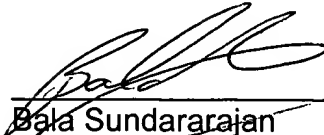
In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the outstanding objection and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper,

may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing attorney docket number 103213-00027.

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Enclosures: Figures 1-8G



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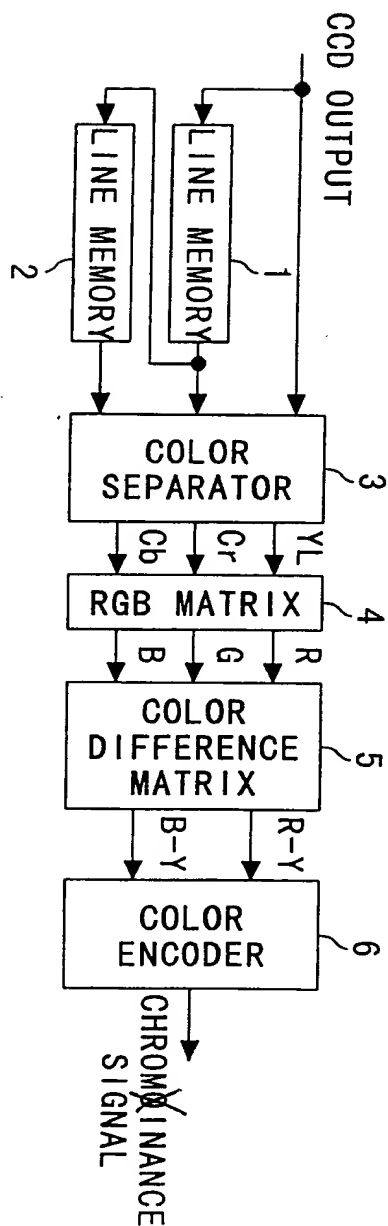
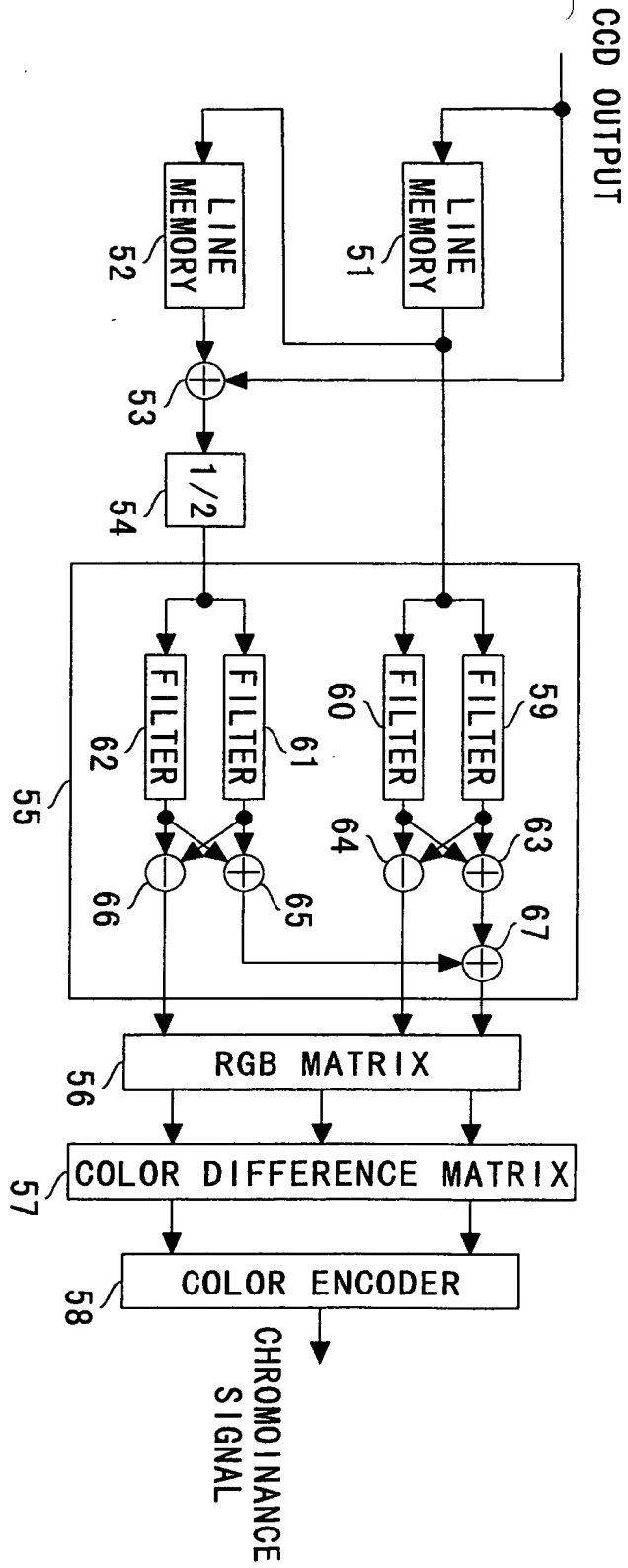


FIG. 1

FIG. 6



Prior Art





FIG. 7A

Prior Art

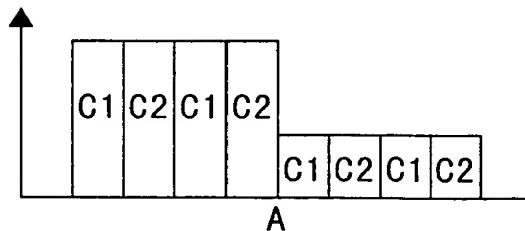


FIG. 7B

Prior Art

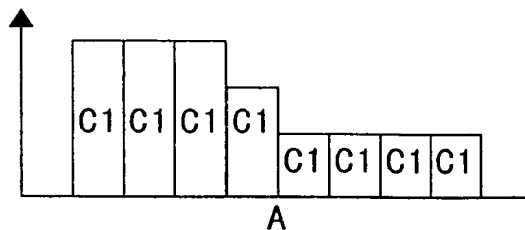


FIG. 7C

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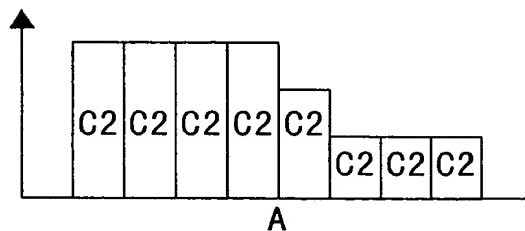


FIG. 7D

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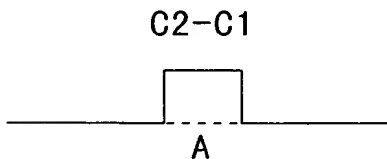


FIG. 7E

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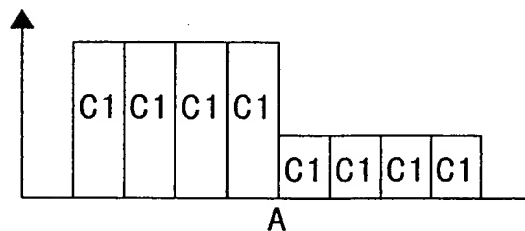


FIG. 7F

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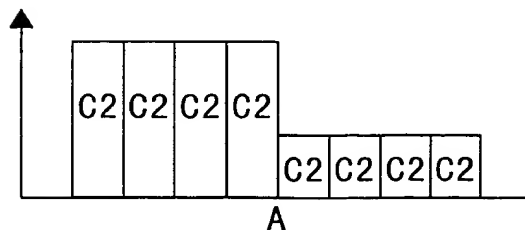


FIG. 7G

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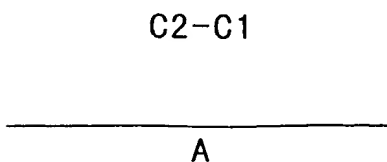




FIG. 7H

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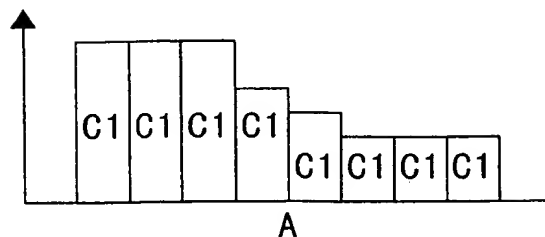


FIG. 7I

Prior Art

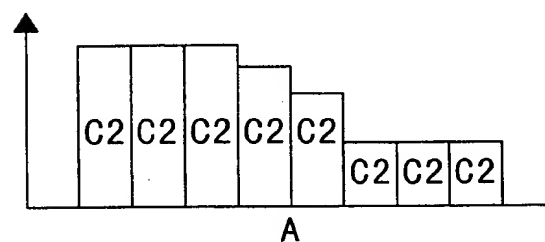
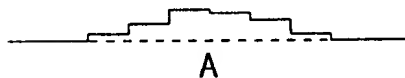


FIG. 7J

Prior Art

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Prior Art

FIG. 8A

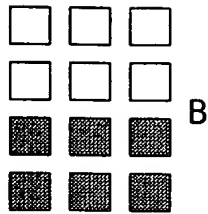


FIG. 8B

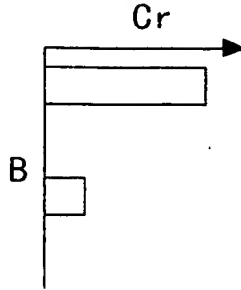


FIG. 8C

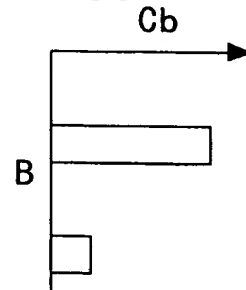


FIG. 8~~E~~D

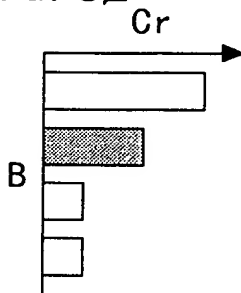


FIG. 8~~F~~E

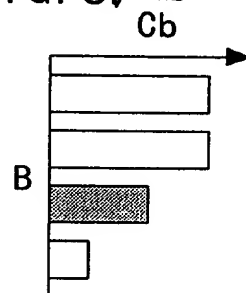


FIG. 8~~G~~F

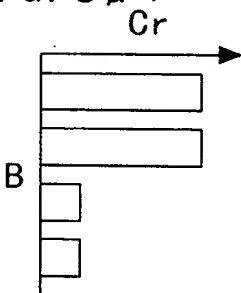


FIG. 8~~H~~G

